

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated August 5, 2002. It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Claims 15-19 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn. In the "Request for Filing a Divisional Application" filed with the present application, Applicants canceled claims 1-14 of the prior application in paragraph 5. Thus, only claims 15-19 are presently pending. As recognized by the Examiner, pending claims 15-19 are all drawn to the same invention -- a semiconductor device. Therefore, it is submitted that the restriction requirement contained in the present Office Action is improper and should be withdrawn.

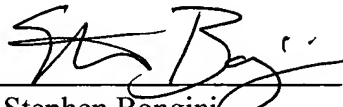
If the Examiner does not withdraw the restriction requirement, Applicants elect for continued prosecution of the Group III claims (i.e., claims 15-19) drawn to a semiconductor device. All other claims have already been canceled.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (561) 989-9811 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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